

The People's Press.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 1876.

Meeting of the State Democratic-Conservative Executive Committee.

ROOMS OF THE DEM. EX. COMMITTEE, RALEIGH, N. C., January 29th, 1876.

At a meeting of the Central Executive Committee of the Democratic-Conservative party this day held, it was resolved that a meeting of the State Executive Committee be called to assemble in the city of Raleigh, on Wednesday, the 15th day of March, 1876. The object of the meeting is to decide upon time and place of holding the State Convention of the Democratic-Conservative party and to consider such other matter before the Committee.

Each member of the Committee is earnestly requested to be present.

W. R. COX, CHAIRMAN.

J. J. LITCHFORD, Secretary.

A GOOD GARDEN.—Remember, the foundation of a good garden is good seeds, in the first place, and good culture afterwards.

ATZEVLY'S DRUG STORE, you will find all fresh and reliable SEEDS. No old stock on hand, remember that.

Congress.

Notwithstanding the Democratic-Conservative House of Representatives is hampered by a Radical Senate and bothered by leading Radicals in the House, they have been applying the pruning knife as vigorously as possible, in cutting down extravagant expenditures of the general government. The Committees are hard at work all the time in the interest of retrenchment and reform, and other important matters.

Patronize Your Home Merchants.

We clip the following from an exchange, with variations.

You cannot improve your town much by taking money away to spend.

There is no way of improving a town so much as by encouraging good merchants, good mechanics, good schools, and good industries people to settle among you—Spend your money at home as much as possible, for there, most of you at least, earn it.

Spend your money at home, because when it is necessary for you to get credit, it is of your own town merchants you have generally to get it, and they must wait for the money; therefore, when you have the cash in hand, spend it at home.

By spending your money at home, you will make better merchants of your merchants; and sell at lower rates.

Spend your money at home. Set the example, and this season try and buy your dry goods, groceries, meat, and everything at home, and you will see a wonderful change in the business outlook of the place. Therefore, deal with your merchants, mechanics, and business men at home.

Mr. Ed. Pace, of Danville, advises planters to let their tobacco for the present, as there is a large quantity of damaged tobacco on the market which must be sold and will bring down prices.—Greensboro Patriot.

Mr. D. F. Caldwell has received letters from parties in Massachusetts making inquiries in reference to this State. They talk of moving South, and want to buy, if terms, location, &c., suit, from 1,000 to 10,000 acres.—ib.

The Postmaster of Salem, has received a letter of similar import from a party in Ohio, who represents farmers who seek cheap lands and a mild, healthy climate.—We welcome all good, industrious citizens to our State, who wish to locate permanently.

Mr. John N. Staples is announced to deliver the address before the Methodist Centennial at Raleigh, on the 25th of March, on the subject of "Church and State"—ib.

SEN. H. LOCATE.—Mr. John H. Bryant, the senior member of the Richmond sinners' guild, was at the Benlow House, Greensboro, last week, prospecting for a site for a summer factory. He says \$360,000 was paid out in Virginia last year for the raw material, and he believes there is as much in this State as in Virginia.—ib.

A very desirable location for a sinnet factory could be found in Salem.

The sword to which we referred a few weeks ago that fell into possession of a gentleman from Massachusetts during the war, has been returned by him to Col. Marchand, who now has it in charge.—ib.

ACCIDENT.—While Mr. Foust was driving to Greensboro, last week, from his place about eleven miles South of Greensboro, accompanied by a lady, the horse (a blind one) which he drove became frightened at the noise of a coming train. Mr. Foust got out to hold the animal, leaving the lady in the buggy, but the horse became frantic, and breaking loose dashed away in the direction of the train. To make the matter worse, one of the lines broke, giving the animal full liberty and it went unchecked towards the train. The collision came, the horse ran square against a car, and was thrown some distance, cut up beyond recovery; but fortunately, the shafts of the buggy broke at some little distance from the track, thus narrowly saving the imperiled life of the lady.—Greensboro Patriot.

A CURRENCY Famine.—It is stated at the Treasury Department that there is only currency enough on hand to last two months. It seems that none of the currency received at the Department is paid out again, but is destroyed, and new notes are issued to take its place. If the appropriation of \$200,000 asked for to resume operations in the bureau of engraving and printing is not made very soon, it is anticipated that there will be a currency famine, as the Treasury will soon have none to pay out.

SPRINGS IN THE WEST.—A tornado, on the 29th ult., in St. Charles, Missouri, demolished twenty buildings, unroofed the court-house, blew the front part of the jail down, unroofed the walls and leaving the iron cells exposed. Two persons were killed and several hurt. Loss, \$300,000.

At Princeton, Indiana, ten houses were blown down.

SILVER CURRENCY.—It is thought that in a very short time the work of substituting silver for fractional currency may be initiated. Wednesday it was said at the Treasury that it is possible that the work of paying out silver may be commenced in ten days or shortly thereafter.—Star.

DEATH OF HON. A. W. VENABLE.—This distinguished and revered gentleman, who occupied a prominent position in the political history of the State, died at the residence of his son in Oxford, on the 19th ult., in the 77th year of his age. Mr. Venable was in the 77th year of his age. Mr. Venable was in the 77th year of his age. Mr. Venable was in the 77th year of his age.

Every European power receives almost immediate redress of their grievances, from Spain, for Cuban atrocities to their citizens, except United States. She alone receives and bears the insulting tardiness of the Spanish Government, and so far tamely submits to it. Recently an indemnity has been ordered to be paid to the family of M. Reygandean, a Frenchman, and the officer who ordered his execution is to be court-martialed. The rights of the Americans in Cuba will be respected only when our government insists on a like policy. Would like to see some of the Puritan slave traders in Cuba, hauled over the coals, nevertheless.

MOORE'S CREEK CENTENNIAL, Feb. 28, 1876.—The following is the programme used at the celebration of Moore's Creek Centennial:

A salute of thirteen guns at sunrise in Wilmington by the Cape Fear Light Artillery.

The military companies of Wilmington formed at their armories at 7 o'clock, sharp. The steamers left the wharf at foot of Market street, at 7.15.

1. On arrival at the monument at Moore's Creek a national salute of thirty-seven guns was given by the Cape Fear Light Artillery.

2. Prayer by Rev. Colin Shaw.

3. Music by the band.

4. Address by Capt. S. A. Ashe.

5. Music by the band.

6. Address by ex-Governor Z. B. Vance, J. N. Stallings and E. W. Kerr, and others.

7. Benediction by Rev. George Patterson.

8. Salute by the Cape Fear Light Artillery.

On landing at Moore's Creek the procession formed, headed by the artillery and escorted the orators and other distinguished guests to the monument.

Statistics say that 7,000,000 men will soon be in arms on the Continent of Europe. Russia will have 2,000,000, France and Germany each 1,500,000, and Austria and Italy 1,000,000 each. The London Saturday Review thinks, however, that the statistics are far wrong in this estimate and that so large a total is purely imaginary.

THE CARLISTS are said to be hemmed in among the mountain districts between Leiza and Alsasua, near the borders of France and not far from Tolosa. The Alfonsoist general Rivero occupies the neighboring passes to prevent the escape of the Carlists. Many distinguished followers of the pretender have submitted asking for amnesty. King Alfonso himself left Tolosa with 30,000 men in order to give a finishing stroke to the insurrection, which by all accounts is in its last throes.

Don Carlos at latest accounts was in France, and it is reported that he had issued a proclamation relinquishing the struggle in order to promote the happiness of the Spanish people. It would have been better for him if he had done so years ago.

Disastrous Floods in the upper provinces of Austria and Moravia, 120 houses destroyed.

In Schonebeck, Prussia, the water entered 600 out of 700 houses, most of which were flooded to the roofs, and the inhabitants had barely time to escape through the attics. Thirty houses were destroyed.

THE NIGERIS of Hayti are again revolutionizing. This tiny republic is an unrelieved black spot among the West Indies, dog-in-the-manger-like they won't prosper, and refuse to let any one else either help or even try to do so. We have but little sympathy for them. They don't deserve to prosper, and being blood-thirsty to the worst degree, the quicker they engage in an exhaustive war the better. May be some nation will then boss them into submission to common decency.

SNOW IN CANADA.—QUEBEC, Feb. 25.—Snow storm for the last 24 hours, has blocked all the roads and railways.

WAR is said to be imminent between China and Japan on account of the Coreaans.

THE MARCH number of Scribner gives illustrated sketches of Trinity College, Hartford, by Brookley with interesting letter press description. This is followed by a pleasant article on the "Child Garden" (Kindergarten) with a portrait of Froebel, Truro Parish, is a fine old Virginia sketch of the old time. "Philip Nolan's Friends" is becoming more and more entertaining. Bret Hart's "Gabriel Conroy" is an able paper with good illustrations. The long drawn "Mysterious Island" will be concluded in the next. \$1 a year. It is a most elegant periodical.

ELECTIC MAGAZINE.—The March number of the Electric opens with a timely article on "Montenegro," throws much valuable light upon the "Eastern Question" in general, and the insurrection in Herzegovina in particular. Other notable articles in the number is a lecture on "Science and Art; Utility and Beauty," by the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone; "In My Study Chair," "Richelieu;" "Songs of the Winter Days," by George MacDonald; "Why Have Animals a Nervous System?" by Dr. H. Charlton Bastian; "Statistics;" "Alone in London;" "German Home Life; Part VII.—Men;" "The Unseen Universe;" and "Two Leaders," by Alexander Charles Swinburne; there are also three additional chapters of Mrs. Alexander's "Her Dearest Foe," and Miss Fraser-Tytler's "Jonathan" is brought to a conclusion.

The number is embellished with a fine portrait of President Benard, of Columbia College, with a sketch of his life.—\$5 a year.

Of the contents of the March St. Nicholas, Mr. Whittier's poem, "The Pressed Gentian," will probably be the most widely enjoyed. "The Pressed Gentian" is written in his sweet, rhythmic, simple style, and is full of his poetic feeling.

Mr. Bayard Taylor has a fine picture of the wonder and stupefaction of an Icelandic boy at his first view of the sights of Scotland. "Windsor Castle," containing some very interesting details of its early history; and there is given an account of the close of the number, a story of Egyptian life, John Greenleaf Whittier, Bayard Taylor, Charles Dudley Warner, Mrs. Oliphant, Louisa M. Alcott, Rebecca Harding Davis, Lucretia P. Hale—surely these names are a guarantee of the interest of a single number of any periodical.

Time and Place of Holding the Democratic Convention.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The National Democratic Committee to whom is delegated the power of fixing the time and place of holding the National Democratic Convention of 1876 have appointed Tuesday the 27th day of June next, noon, as the time, and selected St. Louis as the place of holding such Convention. Each State will be entitled to a representation equal to double the number of its Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States, and the territory of Colorado, whose admission in July as a State will give it a vote in the next electoral college, is also invited to send delegates to the Convention. Democratic-Conservative and other citizens of the United States, irrespective of past political associations, desiring to co-operate with the Democratic party in its present efforts and objects are cordially invited to join in sending delegates to the National Convention. Co-operation is desired from all persons who would change an administration that has suffered the public credit to become and remain inferior to other and less favored nations; has permitted commerce to be taken away by foreign powers; has stifled trade by unjust, unequal and pernicious legislation; has imposed unjust taxation and rendered it most burdensome; has changed prosperity to widespread suffering and want; has squandered the public moneys recklessly and defiantly, and shamelessly used the power that should have been swift to punish crime to protect it. For these and other reasons, the National Democratic party deem the public danger imminent, and earnestly desirous of securing to our country the blessing of an economical, pure and free government, cordially invite the co-operation of their fellow-citizens in the effort to attain this object.

Signed by the Democratic Executive Committee.

CONNECTICUT DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.—NEW HAVEN, Feb. 23.—The Democratic State Convention nominated the old officers.

The Democratic Liberal party of Connecticut, in Convention assembled, and they pledge themselves anew to the principles which they have repeatedly adopted and which the people of this State have approved. The Constitution and the Union shall be maintained with the supremacy of the civil over the military authorities, and we demand for the individual the largest liberty consistent with public order; for the State, self-government, and for the Federal Government a return to the methods of peace and the constitutional limitation of power.

THE SIOUX WAR.—According to the latest advices, Fort Pease, on the Yellowstone, has been abandoned by the garrison. Col. Brislin had arrived there with a small company of troops, and barely saved the garrison which was in great danger of being massacred by the Sioux, who were gradually closing on the fort. The Indians were greatly enraged on the escape of their prey. It is expected that Col. Brislin will have to fight his way back to Fort Elliott. The Indians are well armed and capable of doing great damage.

Judge John A. M. McDonald a prominent Republican, indicted at Houston Texas in three indictments for forgery and embezzlement has been acquitted.

Refuse all \$5 notes of the National Bank of Osage, Iowa, for they are forgeries. The bills are genuine, but were stolen before being signed, and hence are worthless.

Congressional.

On the 22nd, in the HOUSE, retrenchment reached the Departments. Pardon clerks will be dispensed with, and the Marshals of the United States, also, where the expense has been enormous, will be consolidated.

On the 23rd, in SENATE, adverse reports were made upon a large number of petitions for compensation for losses sustained during the war, and the committee on Claims was discharged from their further consideration.

In the HOUSE, the Banning bill to reduce the army gradually to 20,000 men was up. It merges the quartermaster and subsistence departments into one, and his plan was discharged from their further consideration.

The bill to prevent needless slaughter of buffalo in territories passed.

The House then went into Committee on Pensions, and without action adjourned.

In SENATE, Arnold Constable & Co., Clifton & Co., and other leading merchants petition against the repeal of the bankrupt law, and suggest certain amendments.

Morton presented a petition from 15,000 women and 14,000 voters on temperance, praying that the sale of intoxicating liquors be prohibited from civil and military officers.

The committee on Claims reported adversely on petitions.

Mississippi asked an extension of time for presenting claims to the southern claims commission.

The District Interest bill and protection of Indian reservations from depredations were discussed to adjournment.

A bill was considered in Committee of the Whole to-day which restores to the rolls persons stricken therefrom for disability.

Pinchback case is again among the buried issues. No one thinks or talks about it.

On the 24th, Mr. Hubbard addressed the Post Office Committee in favor of excluding merchandise from the mail.

Forty-two discharges from the Pension office including 22 ladies.

Bisbee was before the Appropriations Committee with a bill for the relief of the engineering and printing bureau. Early action is expected; meantime a currency famine is threatened.

House committee on Pensions reported the bill granting pensions to the soldiers of the Mexican, Florida and Cuban wars; a bill to protect the revenue, providing that any officer who shall receive more than his salary for work done, shall be fined and imprisoned; passed.

In the SENATE the House bill to reorganize the Judiciary was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Hamilton introduced a bill granting certain rights to the Central Texas & El Paso Railroad to provide a through line between the cities of Lower Mississippi and the Gulf and the Pacific Ocean.

On the 25th the SENATE had up the bill recently reported by the Finance Committee to amend the act to authorize the funding of the National Debt.

The committee on Privileges and Elections summoned a number of witnesses from Alabama and made other preparations to go into the Spencer case.

On the 26th, in the HOUSE, call for private bills. A large number of individual pension cases considered. Adjourned.

In the SENATE, the bill refunding the public debt was resumed and passed. It provides five hundred million four and a half per cent. bonds, payable at the pleasure of the United States after thirty years. The vote was 57 to 5.

The West Point Academy bill was discussed without action.

On the 28th, in the SENATE, Ransom introduced bills for United States buildings at Asheville, and a number of private bills.

A number of petitions from all sections for the repeal of the bankrupt act were read.

Thurman presented petitions from members of the Cincinnati bar against passing the Judiciary Bill which has passed the House.

Bill to enable Colorado to form a State constitution passed and goes to the President. It appropriates \$20,000 for expenses of the convention.

THE HOUSE appropriation committee cut off several Senate clerks and reduced salaries of others to correspond with rates in the House.

YANKERS OWNING SLAVES.—The New York Herald remarks that "the property of our citizens in Cuba" which the President laudably values in the continuance of civil strife, consists in slaves and in sugar estates worked by slaves. It wants to know if the President proposes to make a war upon Spain—because intervention means war—to protect American citizens in the holding and use of slaves, which our own laws forbid.—Blue Ridge Blade.

BLUE RIDGE BLADE.—We have received several numbers of a large, handsome, and ably conducted new paper, just commenced at Morganton, entitled as above, published by Messrs. Avery & Crowson, and edited by W. F. Avery, Esq., late of the Hickory Press and Charlotte Observer. We wish the enterprising publishers much success.

SOUTHERN PENSIONERS.—Washington dates of Feb. 26th, state that the Republican Senators caucused there over the bill to restore persons stricken from the pension rolls for disability. The caucus decided as bill allows payment of arrearages for fourteen or fifteen years amounting to several million of dollars, it ought not to pass in the present condition of the Treasury. This action will defeat the bill in the Senate.

MORE OF WHISKY'S DOINGS.—William and George Gales, of Cumberland county, became involved in a drunken quarrel. A Mr. Jones interfered at the request of William, who had been severely cut with a knife by his brother. This caused George still more and the quarrel led to kill Jones, followed him to the door of his residence. There Jones told Gales to follow him no further, which being disregarded, Jones shot Gales, killing him instantly.

The road from Salisbury to Asheville, franchise, rolling-stock, &c., was sold some days ago, under an old judgment to T. D. Carter, for fifteen dollars. There are a few other judgments yet to come. Still, the work on the road goes bravely on.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

STATE ITEMS.

In Raleigh on Sunday night, the fire alarm bell rang, and the people rushed to the residence of Mr. J. E. Ross on fire. Mr. Ross, his wife and child had gone to church, leaving an adopted child, Alice Virginia Smith, about fourteen years of age, at home in charge of the baby. The first sight that Mr. Ross' eyes caught was his yard lit up and the burning figure of this girl rushing wildly to and fro. She had put the baby to sleep and had then laid down on the hearth and gone to sleep herself. The fire popped out and caught her clothes. Before any one could reach her, she was nearly roasted from her neck down. The flames were smothered as quickly as possible and the girl put under the influence of morphia, but she only lived until 9 o'clock, Monday morning.—News.

Mrs. Polly Lock and Mrs. Lock; also Mrs. Patsy Sledge, all very old women, near one hundred years of age, died in Halifax county during the past week.

Last week Mr. Duncan McArthur left his home in Cumberland county, immediately after breakfast and was not seen again until about two o'clock same day, when he was found hanging by a pocket handkerchief to a limb of a tree, a few hundred yards from the house, dead. Deceased was about 35 years old. Cause of the suicide is attributed to insanity.

The Morganton Blade says: The wife of Mr. Joseph Whisenand, of Burke county, gave birth to twins last night of the old year. One was born ten minutes before 12 o'clock, and the other ten minutes after 12. So one was born on Friday and the other on Saturday; one in 1875 and one in 1876. Their birthday is not yet known, but they are twins. It is such a thing ever occurred before in the history of the world. Another noticeable circumstance is that one was a boy and the other a girl, the boy was born in the old year, and the girl in this—leap year.

The Raleigh News says: Louis Beaufort writes to Governor Brocken from Batavia, Genesee county, New York, that he is a poor fellow, and has been laid by the law for property in this State, and wants the Governor to see to it that the matter is investigated. He says a man named Beaufort, a Frenchman by birth, died in this State, and it has been advertised in several American papers that if he would come over to this country he would get the property. He only heard of this lately and has got as far as New York but is too poor to continue the journey.

SUICIDE OF A BOY.—Ashley Carroll, a lad about 13 years old, committed suicide on Tuesday, at Magnolia, by shooting himself with a musket. There is no cause assigned except morbid pride.—News.

The Stateville American says: On the 12th of March, 1876, we think it was, the severest snow storm we ever witnessed in any climate prevalent in Western North Carolina. Several persons, who were exposed, froze to death, as did poultry, and even wild animals.

The Milton Chronicle tells this: Among the many juvenile candidates in this town for the penitentiary and the gallows, a little colored boy named Mose, stands pre-eminent. Being incarcerated in the town jail for assault and battery, he seems to have had a good time in prison walls. The young rascal was not long finding out that a bar in the window was loose, and with the outside assistance of some of his playmates, he contrived to pull himself out and in at pleasure.

He spent the day in jail and roosted at home at night. When morning came he hid in his prison room, and during the day a jail full of little colored folks would crawl in and play with him.

Mr. Moore a Greensboro for dealer, announces that during the year 1875 he bought 93,376 rabbits; 277 minks; 40 otters; 2,913 muskrats; 716 coon; 4,974 possum; 182 fox, and a list of other furs. The prices paid by the Greensboro animal averaged from 25 to 30 cents a dozen for rabbit; \$1.50 to \$2.50 for mink; \$5.00 for otter; 5 cents for muskrat; the last figure is for each skin; possum 5 cents; the same for fox 10 to 50 cents; red fox 50 to 75 cents; wild cat 25 cents; skunks 25 to 50 cents.

HORRIBLE TRAGEDY IN WILKES.—Some of the particulars of a fatal occurrence which took place on Thursday last, at Elville, Wilkes county, have reached this city. The parties to the affair were James W. Isbell, a citizen of Caldwell county, and Wm. W. White, a Deputy United States Marshal. It appears that both parties were drunk and had been playing cards. After they had ceased, and had walked down to the neighborhood of Capt. Phineas Horton's store, both of them, it would seem, in an ill humor, White remarked that he was the best man on the hill. Isbell replied: "You are a damned liar." whereupon White drew a pistol and pointing it at the other, was about to fire, when Isbell knocked the pistol up, at the same time drawing with his other hand a knife, which he plunged into White's neck, cutting his throat from ear to ear, and severing the head almost entirely from the body. He continued his assaults even after this, stabbing White twice or three times after his throat had been cut. Isbell then went on still further, armed himself, and at last, accounts say, was defying the authorities. White is, of course, dead.

Both of the men have families. White leaves quite a large and dependent family. Isbell is a man of considerable prominence in this county. Caldwell County having represented the county at least one term in the Legislature since the war. He has always been known as a courageous, not to say desperate, man.

For the past six months the press of this State has teemed with tales of blood, and this occurrence adds another to the long and horrible list.—Charlotte Observer.

The Charlotte Observer says: Mr. J. H. Jones, an Englishman, a resident of London, has been in Charlotte for the purpose of looking around. His object is to establish here, if he receives proper encouragement, a large furnace on the Swannanoa plan, for the separation of metal from ore and metals from metals. He is only prospecting, and says, if he becomes satisfied that it will pay, and if this furnace is put in operation, he knows of capitalists who will be drawn hither, and in addition to these hundreds of laboring men will be brought here with their families.

The first term of Mecklenburg Superior Court for this year, opens on Monday. There are 80 cases on the State docket and 287 on the civil docket, with at least 100 cases to go before the Grand Jury. The whole of the two weeks will be consumed.—Observer.

The Wilson Advance says: There is a man living in this place, fifty-four years of age, who once owned a cent to a living soul in his life, and as the records will show was the first man for the past thirty years to pay his taxes to the sheriff. Though a blacksmith and plow-maker by trade, he cuts and makes his own clothing and when engaged at this work if there is a call at the shop, his wife goes to the mill and will show a horse, brace a plow, upset an axe, or perform any other job in the line with as much skill as her husband. He has four sons, each of whom can card, spin, weave, cut out and make their own clothing, even to making stocks and making their shoes. He is by no means miserly—lives well and comfortably, and the amount of his store purchases for himself and family will not reach fifty dollars per annum. Next.

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GENERAL NEWS.

A GREAT NATIONAL WORK.—The Centennial History of the United States, from the discovery of the American Continent to the close of the First Century of American Independence. By James D. McCabe. Author of a "Manual of General History." "The Great Republic," &c., &c.

There has long been a great and universally felt want of a history of the United States suitable for general use. This want is now being supplied by the National Publishing Co., of Philadelphia, who have issued a handsome volume, styled "The Centennial History of the United States," by James D. McCabe, a well-known historical writer. This work will, undoubtedly, take rank as the Standard History of the United States. It is not only a work of details, but a comprehensive effort to influence the national pride, but it is a clear, vivid and brilliant narrative of the events of our history, from the discovery of the American continent down to the present time. It traces the evidences of that mysterious power, the spirit of the American people, and gives a most interesting account of the Indians of North America, from the time of the coming of the white men. The voyages of Columbus, the explorations of the different nations of Europe and the final occupation and conquest of the land by England, are told with graphic power.

Every step of our colonial history is traced with patient fidelity, and the sources of those early and we trust, enduring institutions which make our country free and great, are shown with remarkable clearness. The causes of our great struggle for Independence are told with a logical force and ability unsurpassed in any work of the day. Then follows a clear and succinct account of the formation of the Federal Constitution, the establishment of the Union; the course of affairs until the breaking out of the Second War with England; and a full and comprehensive account of that War and its results.

The events of our career from the close of that contest to the commencement of Civil War, follow in their order. The history of the Civil War is related with intense vigor, and with a strict fidelity to truth. The author pleads the cause of no party or section. He is fair, points out the lessons which the war teaches, and appealing to neither passion nor political feeling, trusts to the good sense of his countrymen to sustain his views. The book contains an Appendix, giving an account of the approaching Centennial Exhibition.

It is comprised in one large, handsome octavo volume of 925 pages, and contains 412 fine engravings on steel and wood of historical personages and scenes. The price is so low that all can afford to purchase a copy, and each subscriber is presented with a superb lithographic engraving of the Centennial Exhibition Buildings and Grounds. It is sold by subscription only, and the publishers want agents in every county.

ADVANCE IN THE PRICE OF ICE.—The rise in the price of ice in New York, which has been for some time impending, was announced to go into effect a few days since. Sixty cents per hundred is to be hereafter charged to private customers, and the large cents to the large chain trade, including butchers, pork packers, restaurant keepers and others. This is an advance of 100 per cent on existing prices. The New York Times says it is acknowledged on all hands and unless the weather changes radically, and continues more than ordinarily cold during the next few weeks, there will be little or no ice in that latitude. Already the dealers along the Penobscot and other rivers in Maine are holding their stocks in expectation of a rise, and cannot be induced to sell except at the highest prices.

A grape brandy distillery in Los Angeles county, California, has paid over \$10,000 in revenue on its manufactures within the last two months.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Wm A. Darling and Spencer N. Green, President and Secretary of Savings Bank, was arrested for swearing to a false exhibit in 1871.

Wellington, Kitcher & Co., rectifiers and distillers failed. Liabilities \$200,000.

Frederick Schuchardt & Lawrence Wells comprising the firm, Frederick Schuchardt & Sons bankers, failed. Liabilities \$150,000.

Boston, Feb. 23.—The failure of Elijah Shaw, of Woburn, Mass., is reported. He owned mills and employs 275 hands. Liabilities are \$300,000. The Carroll paper company of Mill River is embarrassed.

INDIANOLA, Iowa, Feb. 22.—Returning from Church two families quarrelled. Two brothers, their father and a friend were killed. The attacking party, numbering six, are in jail. It was an old feud.

All over the world Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is making its way, and every place it reaches consumptive people are seldom met. It is truly a blessing to humanity, and only costs 25 cents.

It is announced that a Mormon tabernacle is to be erected in Brooklyn, to be used by the Society of the Latter Day Saints in that city. The New York Conference of Mormons, which includes branches in Brooklyn, Huntington, N. J., and Pottsville, Pa., now has nearly two hundred members.

LAND FOR SALE

I will sell at the Court House in Yadkinville, on the 10th day of MARCH next, several tracts of valuable land, to wit: One tract of 128 ACRES,

known as the BINKLEY land, lying above Conrail's Ferry road, adjoining Dr. Kinyon and Mrs. Elizabeth Conrail. Also another tract known as the LAXE, containing 251 ACRES, adjoining Isaac Jarratt and others. Also one tract known as the WILLIAM RANDOLPH LANDS,

Containing 181 ACRES, adjoining the above mentioned Stewart lands. Also one tract of 90 acres, adjoining the above lands on the north. Also one tract of 25 acres, containing 25 or 30 acres, adjoining the Binkley lands, Mrs. E. Conrad and Dr. Kinyon. Also four town lots in Yadkinville, and one-half lot in East-Bend, the other half owned by A. Horn. The greater portion of these lands are well adapted to the cultivation of Tobacco, Corn, and Wheat. Terms: One-tenth cash, and the remainder in 12 months. Title made when the purchase money

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LOCAL ITEMS.

POST OFFICE DIRECTORY.

Salem, N. C., Post Office Arrangement.—Office hours from 7 a. m. to 8 p. m. during the week. No mail arrive or depart on Sunday the office will not be open on that day.

TIME OF ARRIVAL AND CLOSING THE MAILS.

Railroad, from Greensboro to Salem, closes every day, except Sundays, at 7 a. m.; due every day except Sunday, at 6:30 p. m.

Mount Airy mail, via Old Town, Bethania, Five Forks, Little Yakin, Pilot Mountain, Flat Shoals and Town's Creek: closes Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 6:30 a. m.; due, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 3 p. m.

Madison mail, via Sedgwick, Germantown and Walnut Cove, due Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5 p. m.; closes, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 3 p. m.

Jerusalem mail, via Friesburg, Miller's Mill, Elba ville and Patton: closes every Wednesday at 6 a. m.; due, every Thursday, 7 p. m.

Jonesville mail, via Mt. Tabor, Vienna, Red Plains East Bend and Booneville: due every Friday, by 7 p. m.; closes every Saturday, at 6 a. m.

Waketown mail, via Salem Chapel, White Road, Belew's Creek Mills and Blakely: closes every Friday, at 4:30 p. m.; due, every Saturday, by 7 p. m.

Huntsville mail via Clemmons, Lewisville and Panther Creek, closes Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 6:30 a. m.; due, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 3 p. m.

H. W. SHORE, P. M.

LOCAL NOTICES.—Notices will be published in our local columns at 20 cents per line, every insertion, for regular customers who have standing advertisements in the Press. Otherwise, 25 cents per line for each insertion.

ORDINARY NOTICES.—All ordinary notices and tributes of respect, over ten lines, will be charged at advertising rates. Terms cash.

Col. RICHARD I. DODGE, U. S. A., was in our city a few days last week, stopping at the Salem Hotel, on a visit to his sister, accompanied by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. R. Dodge, of Rockingham county.

Col. Dodge has been in command in the Indian country for a number of years, and has just published a book on "The New Eldorado, or the Black Hills route to the Gold Fields," with description of scenery, soil and climate.—Illustrated with maps, illustrations and drawings, taken on the spot.

SOMETHING NEW.

The **INDEPENDENCE BREAD PLATE**—represents the 13 original States with their representatives in Congress 100 years ago. Nice for daily use in every family. Sold by Jan. 6th, 1876.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.—Broadway Township School closes on Friday next. S. A. Hege, Teacher.

Hopewell School closes with a public exhibition on Saturday next. E. E. Knauss, Teacher. No spirituals or liquor will be allowed on the premises.

The Eden Public School, W. S. Fishel, Teacher, will close with a public exhibition on the 2nd Saturday of March. No spirituals or liquor allowed on the grounds.

Cedar Grove School, South Fork Township, closes on next Saturday, Thos. Ring, Teacher. The exhibition has been carefully gotten up, and promises to be a good thing. No spirituals or liquor will be tolerated on the premises.

The Young Ladies of the Academy enjoyed the splendid weather on Monday last, with a drive to the country, spending the balmy afternoon hours very pleasantly.

COME AND BUY, NOT WITHOUT MONEY.—In order to raise money to promptly pay a heavy surety debt, I propose to offer FOR CASH, my large and desirable stock of Goods at COST, in such quantities as CASH buyers may desire. Come and avail yourselves of an opportunity which I trust will prove a mutual benefit.

Respectfully Yours,
Salem, N. C., Feb. 7th, 1876. J. L. FULKERSON.

The weather has been delightful, and garden work is being pushed.

The farmers are also sowing oats, and braving up and preparing their corn ground. The wheat is looking remarkably fine, though rather forward, and many fear that the late Spring frosts may damage it even more than last season.

The frost has only partially destroyed the peach crop. Fruit growers are still hopeful for a fair return.

The hand-organist requests us to state, that as the roads are again in a good condition for travelling, he intends starting out with his organ, and would be pleased to dispose of a few rats traps that he has on hand, as he is going to give up the agency. The trap is a very good thing, and as to its gripping qualities he refers the public to the "Boss of the Mill Wagon," who has examined it, and can vouch for its holding on well.

We notice that the sidewalk on Old Shallowford street, near the Calabash, has been raised on a level with the bridge which spans the branch there. This is a good move, as it will save a great many shins from getting bruised.

IF YOU WANT FULL VALUE FOR YOUR MONEY GET THE BEST GOODS.

J. L. FULKERSON.

If young ladies who eat onions on the evenings they expect their beaux, will chew a bit of green or black tea after eating them, they will find that it destroys the sweet odor that is always left in the breath after partaking of these tear-producing bulbs.

In passing, the other day, we noticed a new tailoring establishment in Mr. Lott's Grocery building.

If the vacant lot on the upper part of Main street, which is now used as a wagon yard, and a place for depositing all kinds of old rubbish, would be fixed up and a handsome house for carrying on some kind of business, built thereon, it would improve that part of Main street wonderfully.

VALENTINES are good during the month, this centennial year. A few more on hand at the Bookstore, at half-price.

The best place in town for going through a skirmish drill, is over the sidewalk near the Agricultural Works, as it requires a great deal of maneuvering and single-filing to get over it.

The holes in the sidewalk near Wommack & Co's store have now attained the proper depth to cause pedestrians, when they step into them, to use ugly language.

And now the season for old ladies to swap garden seeds has arrived.

Mr. C. B. Brooks has completed his new residence near the depot, in this place.

Having received the Measures and Weights from Raleigh, I am ready to seal all weights and measures.

R. A. WOMMACK,
Standard Keeper.

FOURTY ACRES AND A MULE.—"Mr. Blum, you told us colored people, years ago, that we never would get the 40 acres and a mule, the Republicans promised us; and I believe you are going to be right. I done give it up, and I am no longer bound by false promises. I votes as I please after this—I am no longer a slave to party."

SURVIVOR TUESDAY, 29th of February, which receives its name from the ancient practice, in the Church of Rome, of confessing sins and being shrived or shrove, i. e. obtaining absolution, on this day. Being the day prior to Lent, it may occur on any one between the 2nd of February and the 8th of March.

When Sam Walker, colored, living near Happy Hill, comes his fingers now, he finds that he has only seven and a half. He put one too far in a feed-utter the other day, and had half of it clipped off.

The deer belonging to A. Fogle, Esq., which made Calvin Hauser do such lusty fence climbing a few months ago, has shed his horns.—They measure 184 inches from the roots to the tips. They are formidable looking weapons, and we don't blame Cal. for being in a hurry.

Winston Hog Law went into operation last week.

LOT NEW CALICOES just received at WOMMACK & CO'S.

We are sorry to learn that the efficient and obliging engineer on our Railroad, Mr. Jacob Hicks, has left the road. Mr. Hicks has been running on the road ever since its completion, has given satisfaction to all, and his numerous friends regret to see him leave.

Stokes County.

We glean the following items from the Danbury Reporter:

"Our staple crop, tobacco, is consuming too much of the time and attention of our farmers for their prosperity. It will not do to make tobacco and buy meat and corn. Every farmer should make subsistence for his family and stock; then tobacco as a money crop may pay, if made fine. Bacon will be high; last year's supply was short, and the warm weather destroyed vast quantities of pork."

The above is good, sound logic, and our Forsyth tobacco growers might profit by it.

THE RAIL ROAD.—The Reporter says: "The Mt. Airy and Greensboro Narrow-Gauge Railroad continues to grow in subscription of stock. . . . We are looking to Greensboro, as the terminus of the road, with much interest. This road will do more toward making that place a great inland city than all the roads that now enter it."

Some improvements are going on in Danbury, such as painting and repairing old buildings, fences, &c.

Miss B., daughter of Nathl Boyles, died of consumption.

Mr. Alexander Joyce, of Rockingham, and Miss Wintona Joyce, daughter of Owen Joyce, Esq., were married at the residence of the bride's father, in Stokes.

Mr. Mike O'Sullivan and Miss Lizzie Farmer, were also united in wedlock.

Joseph East is reported to have left his wife and child, in search of more desirable associations.

Surry County.

The Mt. Airy Visitor says, business in that section, at present, is dull and very little trading doing. Money scarce.

Wheat crop is looking fine.

The store of Mr. T. F. Prather was broken into and robbed of \$15 in money.

Mt. Airy's Brass Band of music is getting along finely, says the Watchman.

Two negroes, John Dixon and Charles Satterfield, were jailed for selling whisky contrary to law.

Rev. W. G. Baird, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Mt. Airy will soon resign his position on account of the state of his health.

The Watchman of the 26th ult., says, for the last few days, Messrs. Gilmer & Porter's warehouse has been full of tobacco, and good sales were made.

FOUND DROWNED.—Wm. W. Wolf, Esq., a prominent and highly respected old citizen of Surry county, aged about 80 years, residing near Stony Ridge P. O., was found drowned in Grassy Creek, near his residence, on Wednesday afternoon last. The old gentleman was partially paralyzed, and in feeble health at the time.

The following are the circumstances attending the unfortunate affair:

On Wednesday after dinner, Mr. Wolf asked for a slate, and left the house with it, going in the direction of the store of his son-in-law, but changed his course, taking a roundabout way towards the creek, where a high embankment screened him from observation at the house. A few hours after he left, his dead body was found on the bank of the creek, with his head and face in the water. The slate was also found written full, but with so tremulous a palsied hand, that nothing could be read. It is believed by some that he committed suicide, and others think he was again attacked with paralysis and then fell into the water and drowned.

Mr. Wolf leaves a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn his melancholy end.

SALE OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY.—On the 14th day of March next, the undersigned will sell, on the premises, the plantation known as the "Spinflower Tract," on the Hollow Road leading from Salem to Mt. Airy. Also all the Household and Kitchen Furniture and Farming implements. Sale to commence at 1 o'clock, and to continue from day to day till all is sold.

J. W. SPAINHOWER.

THE SWEPSON CASE.—The Grand Jury of Alamance county found a true bill for murder against Swebson. A writ of habeas corpus was then issued, and the prisoner appearing before Judge Settle, he was bailed in the sum of \$10,000.

GOOD THINGS from the Largest Clothing House in America.—Selections may be made from a large lot of Samples for Men and Boy's Clothing. Measures will be taken, and orders forwarded to Wankmacker & Brown, by J. L. FULKERSON, Ag't., Salem, N. C. Oct. 14th, 1875.

THE BABCOCK CASE.—RENDERING OF THE VERDICT.—St. Louis, Feb. 24.—At the opening of the court this afternoon a motion for a new trial on the McKee case was taken up and argument begun at 25 minutes past 3. The jury in the Babcock case sent word that they had found a verdict and they were immediately ushered into court. On taking their seats, the foreman handed the verdict to the clerk who read it as follows: "We the jury find the defendant not guilty." Some demonstration in favor of the defendant was made, but it was quickly suppressed. There was a general hand-shaking, however, and Gen. Babcock crossed over to the jury and most heartily and feelingly shook the hand of each jurymen and thanked him kindly for the verdict. The General, and his friends then left the court and started for the hotel. On reaching the street, the party was loudly cheered by a great crowd congregated in front of the Custom House and almost every body seemed well pleased at the result. Every body is at liberty to form their own opinion relative to this trial. The suppressed testimony and the strong circumstantial evidence has its weight notwithstanding.

DIED.

In Winston, on Sunday evening last, 27th ult., of palsy, Mr. JESSE KENEDY, aged 71 years, 9 months and 2 days.

Remember This.

Now is the time of the year for Pneumonia, Lung Fever, Coughs, Colds, and fatal results of prostration. For Consumption, and other Throat and Lung Disease, BOSCHER'S GERMAN SYRUP has been used in this neighborhood for the past two or three years without a single failure to cure. If you have not used this medicine yourself, go to your Druggist, Dr. Thomson and ask him of its wonderful success among his customers. Two doses will relieve the worst case. If you have no faith in any medicine, just buy a Sample Bottle of Bosch's German Syrup for 10 cents and try it. Regular size bottle 75 cents. Don't neglect a cough to save 75 cents.

FRANK LESLIE, at his Mammoth Publishing House, 587 Pearl Street, New York, issues seventeen beautifully illustrated newspapers and magazines. Mr. Leslie was the first in the United States to undertake the publication of a weekly illustrated newspaper, and to him belongs the honor of being the publisher of the "Oldest Illustrated Newspaper in America." The person who secures the agency for these publications in this vicinity, and will give our citizens an opportunity of inspecting the several issues and copies of the eight magnificent chromos the choice from which is given with a subscription to either of the Illustrated Weeklies, will have a handsome and profitable employment. These papers are well known, and sell readily for from 10 to 15 cents on news-stands, and are now first offered through agents to annual subscribers, with a valuable chromo, which to all lovers of art, is alone worth more than the subscription price. An annual subscriber to the ILLUSTRATED NEWSPAPER receives during the year ten newspaper pages. Folded to the size of a large octavo book the subscriber would have 3,226 pages, equal to seven octavo books of ordinary size, say 460 pages each, and one half of these pages would contain fine engravings, and for the entire year will make the most accurate and valuable illustrated history of the National and local journals. We advise our readers, after they have subscribed to the Press to secure one of Frank Leslie's illustrated periodicals, and with it the beautiful chromo.

LIST OF LETTERS.

REMAINING IN THE POST OFFICE AT SALEM, N. C., Feb. 1876.

LADIES' LIST.

Miss Harriet Barrow, Mrs. Elizabeth Fancier, Miss Lucy A. Graham, care of Thos. Hall, Miss Victory E. Holder, Mrs. Amelia Hensdale, Miss Lula Nelson, Mrs. M. A. Noble, Miss Adeline Stare.

GENTLEMEN'S LIST.

Rev. E. J. Bird, W. J. Daniels, Henderson Flemming, John W. Flynt, Mike Toast, (col.) Joshiway Galaway, Josh Galaway, William Hunter, Lee Jones, Jesse King, Harmon Longworth, W. P. Mitchell, W. McWier, G. H. Nickelson, Willie or John Neely, George Pascoe, Mathew Phillips, Robert L. Reavis, John N. Slater, J. Thompson, W. H. Webb, Dr. Thomas Williams, Cornelius Williams.

H. W. SHORE, P. M.

FRESH SUPPLIES

—AND—

RARE BARGAINS.

WITHIN THE PAST TEN DAYS, we have added to our already large and varied stock of goods, the following:

Fresh Supply of best Brown, "C," Extra "C," and Cut Loaf Sugars.

A FINE LINE OF RIO COFFEES, Both Green and Roasted.

In addition, we keep a superb article of ROASTED COFFEE, put up handsomely in 1 lb. papers.

Also, choice MOCCHA COFFEE, the most delicious of all Coffees.

Royal Baking Powders, BATH BRICK, 10 cents each, the best cleanser of household steel-ware.

A new invoice of those famous **LADIES' SHOES,** made by C. H. ROYAL, formerly ROYAL & READ.

PAPER WARE, of different kinds. A nice selection of

NEW PRINTS, NOTIONS, BLEACHED AND UNBLEACHED MUSLINS, CAMBRICS, &c.

CLARK'S SPOOL COTTON, reduced to 80 cents per dozen,—single spools, 8 cents.

COATS' SPOOL COTTON, 80 cents per dozen spools,—single spools, 8 cents. Of the latter we have expecting 500 dozen, direct from the agents.

COATES' LINEN THREAD, on spools, a very superior article.

Our whole line of **Fancy Dress Goods,** comprising many desirable styles, and of the best makes, is offered at

10 PER CENT. BELOW COST. In every instance the exact cost will be stated to the customer.

Such goods as may have been carried over for two seasons, will be sold at

25 PER CENT. BELOW COST. We thus offer to the citizens of Salem, Winston and the surrounding country

RARE BARGAINS. Since the hard times have set in, Prints are not so good as formerly, and therefore a WISE ECONOMY dictates the purchase of better material, so that the labor and expense incident to the present elaborate make up of dresses, may not be thrown away.

PATTERSON & CO. Salem, N. C., Feb. 17, 1876.

GRAVE STONES.—Persons wishing Grave Stones lettered before Easter, will please apply, without delay, to

W. T. VOGLER. Salem, N. C., Feb. 17, 1875.

PAPER.—Latest styles of Plain and Fancy Note Paper put up in boxes, embracing Small Note Size,

Long and Square Fold, Extra Long Envelopes, all of the finest quality and most fashionable styles, at

PIEDMONT WAREHOUSE,

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IMPROVE YOUR HOMES. ORNAMENTAL PLANTS

EVERY DESCRIPTION.

During the Spring months, attention should be given to the decoration of House (Greenhouses, Kelyun Nursery, at Pittsboro, N. C., offers a very full and varied stock of EVERGREENS, SHRUBS, FLOWERING SHRUBS, ORNAMENTAL SHADE AND LAWN TREES, BORDER PERENNIALS, and the most select varieties of FLOWERING SEEDS and BULBS.

We send the following collections:

20 Packs Flower Seeds, (per mail)	\$1 00
3 Roses,	1 00
10 Bedding Plants,	1 00
12 Evergreens,	5 00
6 Flowering Shrubs,	1 00

Plans for Improvement made in full, Greenhouse and Hothouse Plants, in prompt supply, at low rates. Mr. JOHN H. SHULTZ is the authorized Agent for Salem, and will deliver any orders. Address for catalogues, C. B. DENSON, Pittsboro, N. C.

We offer all the rare evergreens suited to our climate, in every variety of size and style. References given in all portions of the State.

March 2nd, 1876.—No. 9.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

\$12 A DAY at home. Agents wanted. Outfit and terms free. TRUE & CO., Augusta Maine.

A FARM OF YOUR OWN

THE BEST REMEDY FOR HARD TIMES! FREE HOMESTEADS

—AND THE—

Best and Cheapest Railroad Land ARE ON THE LINE OF THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD, IN NEBRASKA.

SECURE A HOME NOW. Full information sent FREE to all parts of the world. Address O. F. DAVIS, Land Commissioner U. P. R. R., Omaha, Neb.

\$77 A WEEK guaranteed to Male and Female Agents, in their locality. Terms and outfit free. Address P. O. VICKERY & CO., Augusta Maine.

\$5 to \$20 per day at home. Samples worth \$1 free. STINSON & CO., Portland Maine.

WANTED Agents for the best-selling Stationary Packages in the world. It contains 15 sheets paper, 15 Envelopes, golden Pen, Penholder, Paper, Patent Yard Measure, and a piece of Jewelry. Single package, with pair of elegant Gold Stone Sleeve Buttons, post paid, 25 cts., 5 for \$1.00. This package has been examined by the publisher of the Press and found as represented—worth the money. Watches given away to all agents. Circulars free.

BRIDE & CO., 765 Broadway, New York.

FITS & EPILEPSY POSITIVELY CURED. The worst cases of the longest standing, by using **DR. HEBBARD'S CURE,** IT HAS CURED THOUSANDS, and will give \$1,000 for a case if it will not benefit. A bottle sent free to all addressing J. E. DIBBLE, Chemist, Office, 1555 Broadway, N. Y.

AGENTS WANTED! Medals and Diplomas Awarded for HOLMAN'S PICTORIAL BIBLES. 1,800 Illustrations. Address for new circulars, A. J. HOLMAN & CO., 930 Arch Street, Phila.

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Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper Weekly	\$4 00
Frank Leslie's Chimney Corner,	4 00
Frank Leslie's Illustrative Zeitung,	4 00
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Frank Leslie's Lady's Journal,	4 00
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Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly,	2 50
Frank Leslie's Boy's Magazine,	Monthly, 3 50
Frank Leslie's Boys of America,	1 50
Frank Leslie's Pleasant Hours,	1 50
Frank Leslie's Budget of Fun,	1 50
Frank Leslie's Family Herald,	1 00
Frank Leslie's New York Journal,	1 00
Frank Leslie's Illustrated Almanac,	1 00
Frank Leslie's Comic Almanac,	15

Every yearly subscriber is entitled to a beautiful Premium Chromo with each publication. The originals were designed and painted expressly for our use, and the Chromos are printed in oil, exactly reproducing, in every detail the original masterpieces of art.

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AGENTS WANTED. Address, AGENCY DEPARTMENT, Frank Leslie's Publishing House, 637, Pearl Street, New York. No-6m.

BARGAINS!

Boots, Shoes and Hats AT COST!!

Purposing to close out our stock entirely, we offer it, retail, at the advance price, but, **GOOD GOODS AT LOW PRICES,** will do well to call early.

S. H. & S. A. EVERETT. Salem Feb. 9th, 1876.

VALENTINES AT THE BOOKSTORE.

A Situation Wanted. THE undersigned desires a situation as Salesman or Agent, prefers Salem or Winston. He would commence, say between the 1st February and 1st of March. He believes from his experience, acquaintance, &c., he can control a considerable portion of the trade, and promises to do all he can for his employers. Please make me an offer, (which shall be confidential if desired), as I shall accept the position where the highest salary is offered.

E. L. HEGE, Clemmons, N. C.

JOB PRINTING. We call the attention of all classes who wish printing executed neatly, expeditiously, and upon reasonable terms, to the facilities offered at the People's Press Printing Establishment. We can furnish, at short notice,

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No old stock on hand. All fresh and reliable.

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M. W. NORFLEET, Proprietor.

Poetry.

Nature's Thanksgiving.

BY J. G. WHITTIER.

The harp of Nature's advent string,
Has never ceased to play;
The song the stars of morning sung,
Has never died away;
And prayer is made and praise is given,
By all things near and far;
The ocean looketh up to Heaven
And mirrors every star.

Its waves are kneeling on the strand,
As kneels the human knee—
They bow their white locks to the sand—
The priesthood of the sea;
They pour their glittering treasures forth,
Their gifts of pearl they bring;
And all the listening hills of earth,
Take up the song they sing.

The green earth sends her incense up
From many a mountain shrine;
From folded leaf, and dewy cup,
She pours her sacred wine.
The mists above the morning hills
Rise white as wings of prayer;
The altar, curtains of the hills
Are sunset's purple air.

The wind with hymns of praise is loud,
Or low with sob of pain—
The thunder organ of the cloud—
The dropping tears of rain.
With bounded head and branches crossed,
The twilight forest grieves,
Or speaks with tongues of Pentecost
From all its sunlit leaves.

The blue sky is the temple's arch,
Its transept earth and air;
The music of its starry march,
The chorus of a prayer.
So Nature keeps the reverent frame
With which her years begin,
And all her tongue and senses shame
The prayerless heart of man.

Humorous.

How Old Peter Bennet Won His Case.

If Alexander II. Stephens should be at home and his mind not absorbed by public affairs, the visit of a lawyer would be the best and most profitable of his day.

One story—alas that he cannot sit in the types to tell it—is the Peter Bennet speech.

A Dr. Royston, doubtless a most excellent man, had sued Mr. Bennet for his bill. "Little Alk," as Alexander is mildly by his friends, told his client, Peter B., that the case of service and its value were proved against him in legal form and there was no real defense. But the old farmer insisted that his lawyer should "speak to the case."

Mr. Stephens told him that he ought to speak himself if he thought a speech could be made, and was surprised by the retort.

"I will, if Bobby Tombs won't be too hard on me," Mr. Tombs promised, and Peter Bennet began.

"Gentlemen of the jury, I ain't no lawyer and no doctor, and you ain't neither. And if we farmers don't stick together, these lawyers and doctors will get the advantage of us. I ain't got no objections to lawyers and doctors in their place, and some is cleverer men, but they ain't farmers, gentlemen of the jury. Now this Dr. Royston was a new doctor, and I sent for him to doctor my wife's sore leg. And he did, and put some salve truck on it and some rags, but never done it a bit of good, gentlemen of the jury. I don't believe he's no doctor, no way. There's doctors as I know is doctors, sure enough, but this ain't no doctor at all."

This was evidently telling, and Dr. Royston put in with,

"Look at my diploma and see if I am not a doctor."

"His diploma," said the new-fledged orator, with great contempt. "That ain't nothing, for no piece of paper ever made a doctor yet."

"Ask my patients," shouted the now furious physician.

This was the conventional straw that seemed to break the back of the patient's patience.

"Ask your patients!" he said, in slow, mournful deliberation. "Ask your patients? Why they're all dead." Then in rapid declamation, he named case after case, well known, but mostly among the negro servants of his neighbor, where his case was treated them and their owners buried them, and continued:

"Ask your patients! Why, I would have to seek them in the lonesome churchyard, and rap on the silent tomb to get answers from the dead. You know they can't say nothing to this case, for you've killed them all!"

The applause closed the speech, and the defendant won his case.—C. W. Cleveland in Harper's Magazine for February.

HAIR-WAY HONESTY.—The other day a crowd in attendance at a horse sale in Detroit were greatly attracted to hear an auctioneer say:

"Gentlemen, I can't lie about the horse—he is blind in one eye."

The horse was soon knocked down to a citizen who had been greatly struck by the auctioneer's honesty, and after paying for the horse he said:

"You were honest enough to tell me that this animal was blind of one eye, is there any other defect?"

"Yes, sir; there is; he is also blind in the other eye," was the prompt reply.

A good story is extant of Martin Van Buren, who when a candidate for office, found his wife weeping over a bitter personal attack upon him in one of the newspapers. "Why, my dear," said the wily sage of Kinderhook, "I paid \$50 to have that printed."

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